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An Examiner's Amendment was made in order to correct a minor informality concerning the description of Figure 10 on Page 15 of the specification. The Examiner's Amendment changes "Figure 10" to "Figure 10a". No supplemental notice of allowance will be issued, and no extension of time is required.

**HOSAIN ALAM**  
**SUPERVISORY PATENT EXAMINER**

**David Lazaro**  
**February 23, 2005**

### **EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT**

1. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Robert Kowert (39,255) on February 23, 2005.

The application has been amended as follows:

In the specification, on page 15, line 1, please replace "10" with --10a--.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to David Lazaro whose telephone number is 571-272-3986. The examiner can normally be reached on 8:30-5:00 M-F.


If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Hosain Alam can be reached on 571-272-3978. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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